



Happy Twelfth-night

Southern crossing protest

Potrero Hill residents and others who oppose construction of a southern crossing at India Basin will testify before the Streets and Transportation Committee of the Board of Supervisors Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. in room 228, City Hall.

Conservationists and neighborhood leaders maintain the bridge would add to the city's traffic congestion, and worsen smog.

They hope to get the supervisors to make a strong stand against the proposal so that the State Division of Highways and trucking interests cannot force the \$400 million project through.

The Redevelopment Agency and the San Francisco Labor Council favor the bridge, claiming it would add needed truck routes and increase job opportunities. However, the Bayview-Hunters Point Model Cities Agency is against the crossing because it would take away homes and encourage parking lot usage.

Opponents, such as the Sierra Club, say the new bridge is unnecessary in the light of rapid transit developments.

Other opponents include State Sen. George Moscone, Assemblymen Willie Brown, John Burton, John Foran and Leo McCarthy and Supervisors Dianne Feinstein and Robert Mendelsohn.

E.O.C. bid

Poverty groups seek \$500,000

Potrero Hill community organizations have submitted five program proposals to the San Francisco Economic Opportunity Council, calling for an expenditure of almost \$500,000 over an eight month period.

It is expected that up to \$500,000 will be available city wide for new programs beginning February 1. At present it is uncertain what share of this total will be allocated to Potrero Hill groups.

The Hill proposals focus on the problems of child care, consumer protection, drug education and general anti-poverty work. A sixth proposal dealing with housing also was submitted, but details and figures have yet to be seen by THE VIEW.

At least four of the program proposals came in response to SFEOC's "New Thrust" effort. According to Judge Joseph G. Kennedy, chairman of the EOC, this "calls for a concentration of resources in programs of 1) housing, 2) education, 3) economic development, 4) manpower training and 5) consumer protection."

The most sweeping local proposal was developed by the Community Action Committee, Potrero Hill's umbrella poverty organization. The program outline addresses itself to problems of employment housing and childcare and mentions the whole gamut of the social dimensions of poverty.

It requests \$201,095 to staff three offices "to establish and coordinate a wide ranging attack on poverty on the Hill." The scope and generalized character of the program reflect the continuing effort. (Continued on back page.)

Junior high school opening hits snag

Potrero Hill Junior High School will probably not open for the February, 1971 term as originally announced by the San Francisco Unified School District.

Ralph Kauer, assistant superintendent for secondary education, told THE VIEW "it now appears unlikely the building will be ready for occupancy by that date."

A final decision about whether to postpone the opening until September is expected to be made at the Jan. 14 meeting of the Board of Education.

Postponement has been requested by some Hill residents who believe the community should be given more time to become involved in the process of selecting staff and determining the curriculum.

Lease ready

Health clinic hearing set

The proposed Potrero Hill mental health clinic is slated to come up for a public hearing before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. in room 261, City Hall.

The fate of the clinic hinges on approval of a lease negotiated by the Health Department for a site at 1624 20th St., between Connecticut and Arkansas Streets.

According to Dr. James Stubblebine, director of city community health services, money for the clinic is already appropriated and lease approval should be a routine matter.

Call Dolly when you need help

"Hello, Dolly" will become a popular phrase among Hill residents and others as the Potrero Hill Switchboard begins operation this week. Based at the Neighborhood House, the new Switchboard will provide 24 hour emergency information and referral service for all who call the telephone number, 826-0555.

The driving force behind this new venture is Hill resident Ms. Dolores "Dolly" Zlater. Her chief co-worker is Jim Wachob, a former Vista volunteer with experience in an anti-drug abuse program in New York.

Dolly's interest in the switchboard idea began when she heard a call for volunteers on Tom Campbell's KYA talk show in the fall of 1969.

Along with about 65 other volunteers she began her training at the Mission Switchboard. "I started (Continued on back page.)

However, he did say he expected "acrimonious public debate on the clinic issue."

The upcoming meeting will be the first time the clinic issue has actually been before the Finance Committee, although lease negotiations were concluded some time ago.

Clinic supporters, which include a majority of Hill organizations, plan to present petitions in favor of the health center. Speakers from various endorsing Hill organizations are expected to testify on the clinic's behalf.

The Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association opposes the clinic. Charles Peterson, Booster president, told THE VIEW his group would argue that the clinic is too costly. He said the \$650 per month rental agreed upon is much too high for the value of the property, which is owned by Dr. George Roth.

Dr. Gil Weisman, staff psychiatrist for the proposed clinic, points out that rents for medical space usually run about 35 cents per square foot. He said the negotiated price is in that range, and that the city is prepared to allocate a total of \$9,000 per year for rental purposes.

The Medical staff slated for clinic duty is already on the San Francisco General Hospital payroll, and no major additional salary expenditures are anticipated.

Clinic supporters and opponents have been politicking with appointive and elective city officials for months. Both sides will make public presentations at the Jan. 6 meeting.

The clinic does not plan to accept alcoholism or drug addiction cases. Patients would be limited to Hill residents. Fees would be based on income.

VIEW ADS

Beginning with the Feb. 1, 1971 issue THE VIEW will accept display and classified advertising in order to expand the newspaper to eight pages.

Deadline for ad copy is Jan. 10. For rate information, call 626-8675.

Residents expressed concern that short notice had precluded neighborhood participation. (Continued on back page.)

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Viewpoint

Poverty shuck

Lenny Anderson

Once again the poor of San Francisco await the division of the poverty program pie, and a meager pie it is, a collection of scraps and leftovers for the disenfranchised to fight over among themselves. Special attention this year is on the so called "New Thrust" which calls for an expenditure of \$500,000 for new programs throughout the city. Potrero Hill's poverty organization, Community Action Committee, has requested \$500,000 for Hill programs alone.

These proposals, especially child care and consumer and drug abuse education, are the result of pressing needs which only the blind or foolish can ignore, but it is highly unlikely that there will be anything like \$500,000 to get them going.

Potrero Hill will be lucky to get \$50,000. If the Hill's poor are to have their needs met, they must decide to organize services with or without federal money. If they decide to move ahead without, they will have gained considerable power over their own lives and environment.

With the possible exception of Neighborhood Legal Assistance, the end result of the poverty program in San Francisco has been the division of politically and economically disenfranchised peoples into numerous factions preventing them from pooling their resources to demand their rights and freedom. It almost appears as though it were designed that way.

On Potrero Hill, the underlying distrust and competitive feeling among the various groups representing or serving the poor seems to increase when the smell of poverty money gets strong. How much energy at how many meetings is spent designing strategies to increase the flow of money from a drop to a trickle.

Wouldn't all our energy be better spent in organizing volunteer day care centers and consumer price patrols, in going to local businesses and insisting that local people in need of work be hired first or in going ahead with plans and designs for decent low-cost housing on the Wisconsin Site and tending under way gardens there until construction can get underway. Already surplus food distribution, baby sitting exchange and job referral programs are under way.

If money were to come in the course of this work, that's well and good, but in the meantime, efforts must be made to do what we ourselves can do now to solve our problems. We should not let ourselves be drawn off course by the promise of crumbs from the federal anti-poverty pacification program.

Hills and Dales

Beginning ?

Bill Dawson

The year 1971 is here despite those prophesies that indicated California would now be an island somewhere in the vast reaches of the ocean, separated from Nevada and points east by an earthquake.

When I first read the prophesy I wondered if I should pack my bags and run to Washington or Arizona. I ruled out Nevada because I couldn't stand the thought of Howard Hughes paying my salary.

I finally decided if California was going, I would tag along for the ride--just for the satisfaction of knowing Ronald Reagan was going with me. But the San Andreas fault held, and here we are with California still in place.

Of course, if you consider how the politicians are hacking away at the populace, it won't be long before they're driven out--even without an earthquake to prompt them. It would leave Ronald Reagan with the biggest horse ranch this side of Texas.

Being a skeptical optimist I always try to look on the bright side of things. Its like the old joke: "My friend told me to cheer up, things could be worse. So I cheered up, and they got worse."

All in all, I can't think of any other city or state in the union where I would rather be. For all its faults, its virtues remain impressive, emphasized by the good people who inhabit it, which includes even some of our politicians.

I am a San Franciscan and a Californian and, therefore, one of their worst critics. I am part of the Potrero Hill community and even though I criticize it, I would live no other place. I love the area and its inhabitants. For the most part they are good, hard working, honest people.

To all of you I wish the happiest of new years.



Christmas pageant at playground

Vanessa Newsom portrayed Little Bo Peep in the Arkansas St. Playground's production of "Mother Goose's Party." The cast and carolers were the guests of A.C.T.'s production of "Alice in Wonderland" on December 30th.

Letters to the Editor

Irate reader

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to see the personal attack on the president of the Boosters which appeared in the last issue of the VIEW. Surely a so-called community newspaper supposedly concerned with neighborhood unity could find something more worthwhile to discuss rather than slander a man who has devoted many years to community service.

Name Withheld
on Request

NOTE: The comments about the policies espoused by the Booster president were made in a signed column. We offered the Boosters leader equal space to reply. He chose not to do so.

As editors we believe we cannot censor columnists, whose views are their own and not necessarily shared by us. We will, however, give space to those with opposing opinions.

The Editors.

'Killer' defended

To the Editor:

Four reviewers, including the VIEW's, saw and wrote about the Julian Theatre's production of Eugene Ionesco's "The Killer With No Motive," which I directed and which will play six more times starting January 14 at the Neighborhood House.

One reviewer thought it a great play, but panned the acting and the directing. One thought the acting and directing fine, even inspired, but called it a bad play. A third thought the acting "stunning" and our production "one of the finest serious dramas around."

The VIEW's writer dwelt on an idea he apparently picked up in some college drama school-that Ionesco writes characters that do not emotionally involve an audience and therefore, the actors should be kept some distance away from the viewers.

He didn't say how far - 10 feet, 20 feet? Perhaps he would have staged it with the audience outside the building looking in through the windows with the voices piped out. Perhaps he would have made a movie instead.

We are doing the play because it explores, intellectually and emotionally, the problems of a "model neighborhood" in which all problems are solved scientifically, but somehow people still cannot find happiness. Your reviewer completely left out of his article any mention of the play's ideas.

It is hoped the VIEW will not follow the path of the daily press, whose drama and film reviewers give only surface reactions to style, distance, "professionalism," etc., with nothing deeper than "I liked it," or "I didn't like it." A critic should be

concerned with the motives and ideas of the playwright and how well the play and performers bring these to the audience.

Richard Reineccius

Billboard blight

To the Editor:

My view of San Francisco is from the northwest sector of Potrero Hill, and it is profaned, marred, intruded upon by the House of Max Sobel Company (110 Division St.) billboard. A phone-in/write-in campaign to Max Sobel Corporation might result in the billboard being taken down or painted over. The Chevrolet, Hamm's and Coca-Cola signs would remain, unfortunately.

Visual aesthetics and political economy are related. We can only change our environment in tangible ways through collective action.

Douglas Ohmans

Hill Calendar

COMMENCEMENT	NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
High school commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. on the following dates in January: John O'Connell and Samuel Gompers, Jan. 22; Opportunity and Mission, Jan. 25; Polytechnic, Woodrow Wilson and George Washington, Jan. 26; Balboa and Abraham Lincoln, Jan. 27; and Galileo and Lowell, Jan. 28. Lowell exercises are scheduled for 2 p.m.	Theatre - acting and other work on two Black Theatre plays, two plays for children and other new productions for spring. Leave name with Julian Theatre, 647-8098.
WEBSTER-SCOTT	CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT
The Daniel Webster - I. M. Scott PTA will meet Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at I. M. Scott School, 1060 Tennessee St.	The Citizens Improvement Association will meet Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Housing Authority office, 1095 Connecticut St. The Authority's human relations committee will be guests.
ST. STEPHEN'S	COMMUNITY ACTION
The pastor's annual message will be delivered at St. Stephen's Baptist Church, 800 22nd St., Jan. 10. Sunday services are held at 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school classes start at 9:30 a.m.	The Community Action Committee will hold elections this month. CAC will meet Jan. 5 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.
	ST. TERESA'S
	St. Teresa's Home and School Association will meet Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church hall at 19th and Connecticut.

Church teen club reopens

The St. Teresa's Teen Club will reopen its doors to neighborhood youth, Jan. 11. Get-togethers will be held each Monday from 7 to 10 p.m.

The new format will include expanded activities, such as: youth discussion groups, during which teens can air their views and request advice; active participation in community programs and an area youth calendar which will list all activities available to youth within the vicinity of the Hill.

The program also will include competitions in chess, checkers, pool, ping-pong and various other games.

Movies will be shown when they are available, and will be provided through the efforts of Pat Cleaver, who will serve as one of the youth advisors present on meeting nights.

Adult advisors will be on hand at all times during meetings and get-togethers.

All mothers and fathers who want their youngsters between the ages of 13 and 19 to participate in the program may bring them to St. Teresa's Hall, 19th and Connecticut Streets.

Club rules of good conduct, which are to be determined by the membership, will be adhered to by all members.

For additional information, contact Dennis Sheehan at St. Teresa's.

Famous Japanese Artists

Schaeffer print exhibit

The Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design will show "Japanese Kabuki Actor Prints," Jan. 11-29. The exhibit will be open to the public from 1 to 10 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

These 18th century wood-block prints are by such famous Japanese artists as Toyokuni, Kunisada, Kuniyoshi and others. Most of the prints are from the Rudolph Schaeffer Oriental Art Collection. Schaeffer will give a lecture on the prints Friday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. at the school, 2255 Mariposa St., between 17th and 18th Streets.

One of the three major art schools in San Francisco, the Schaeffer school's principal aim is to teach design and color for use in various design fields: interior and architectural, furniture and product, textiles and crafts, display and exhibition and color consultation for business and education.

The course of study runs for a period of three years. Maximum enrollment is 100 students.

The independent, privately controlled, non-profit school is governed by a board of directors. It receives no support from taxes or other public funds and relies on student tuition fees for all operating expenses.

Founded in 1926, the Schaeffer School was originally located on St. Anne's Street near Chinatown.



Kabuki actor print on display at Schaeffer art exhibit.

When St. Anne's Street was demolished to make way for St. Mary's Square parking facility in 1960, the school moved to its present location on Potrero Hill.

The property on which the school sits is known to local historians as the Rock. In 1910 The Society For Helping Boys acquired the land and built a house and garden for homeless and orphaned teen-aged boys. In accordance with the custom of the times, the boys were employed and, therefore, paid for their own room and board.

With changing times and needs, the Society abandoned its original use of the Rock and in the 1930's men from State College were permitted to live there. During World War II the premises were used to house servicemen. In 1944 the trustees of the property deeded it to the State of California for use by San Francisco State College students.

With few changes, the original building is now used as the Schaeffer School. The garden still exists and is used quite extensively by students and guests. It is utilized as part of the general over-all design techniques taught by Schaeffer and his staff.

Although the school's students generally exhibit their works on the premises only at the close of semesters, they recently had a show at the College of Marin art gallery.

Sprightly dancers visit Hill

A vivacious new company of dancers -- Al Wunder, Sally Nash and Companies -- performed on the Hill during the holidays.

Ms. Nash, who teaches a class in movement at the Julian Theatre in the Neighborhood House, used form to create the appeal of natural beauty and serenity in her "Canyon" sequence.

She achieved an almost surreal quality by means of tape collage and a scrim with back lighting which gave two-tone shadow effects.

The audience was given the opportunity to participate in "structured improvisation," a changing environment tour of the Grand Canyon, its rocks and formations represented by dancers.

In his duet with Janet LaFaille -- "Couple #5" -- he satirized so-called modern dance and the dancing style of the 1940's. Both dancers transmitted comedy and self-indulgence not often felt in dance today.

Wunder's "Untitled," choreographed to his own electronic tape music, used staccatto, marionette-like motion to convey his sense of rhythmic variations of movement. The amusing mood was nimbly expressed by an animated ensemble of 11 dancers.

Brothers work to find jobs

Despite the current business recession and rising unemployment, the Potrero Hill Brotherhood has been finding jobs for the Hill residents in need of work.

Henry Jones, job counselor for the Brotherhood, says about 250 persons have been placed in jobs.

The Brotherhood feels that many of the problems of the Potrero Hill community will be solved if jobs are found for the people. The group has approached various businesses and government agencies seeking work for the Hill's enemployed.

The program has been publicized over radio station KDIA.

Admitting clerks, nurses' aides and orderlies have been placed at Mount Zion Hospital. The Human Relations Commission supplied clerical training posts. Other employment was achieved through the United States Civil Service Commission, Henry Warner of the ship painters' union and private firms.

In cooperation with the Youth Opportunity Commission a 4/4 plan (four hours of school and four hours of work) has been set up for Potrero Hill youth who are in school. In addition, an apprenticeship program for dropouts and a special program for older men with long work experience has been established.

Hill residents knowing of jobs or in need of a job may contact Jones at the Brotherhood Office, 991 Wisconsin St., or call 285-9727.

Library Notes

Service points

Audrey Wood

Who wants to work during the Christmas holiday season? No one, right? Right. So, instead of my churning out an article at this time, I decided to start off the new year with a little fact list about Potrero branch library.

The Potrero library is now open until 6 p.m. Monday evenings.

On the last Thursday afternoon of every month there is a free film program for children.

There is a copy machine available for public use.

There are current best seller lists taken from the "New York Times," "Publishers' Weekly," and the "San Francisco Chronicle" hanging in the window.

There is an upstairs meeting room that can be reserved for public use by community groups.

There is a pre-school story hour for children, ages 3-5, every Thursday morning at 10:30.

If you wish to read a book not in the branch collection, it will be borrowed for you from the Main Library.

We subscribe to a variety of magazines, including "Evergreen Review," "Esquire," "Fortune," "Gourmet," "Organic Gardening and Farming," "Popular Psychology," "Realities," and "Weight Watching."

Our paperback collection includes dictionaries and cook books available for home use.

In addition to popular and classical records, our collection also includes records for learning foreign language.

Laminated reproductions of famous paintings may be borrowed by children.

We have a variety of consumer education materials to help you make your money go farther.

We have books to help you study and pass many different kinds of exams.

Some of our books are written in Spanish.

Your interest and concern are always welcome and will help us serve you better.



Dance troupe sprites after self-indulgence?

Local stage is set for entertainment

Another busy month of activities in the theatre wing of the Neighborhood House is on tap for January:

Rock, soul concert and dance, Saturday, Jan. 9. Income will buy instruments and electronic equipment for a new music room. Watch for posters with entertainers listed.

Julian Theatre-Grassroot Experience Company "Rip-Off Benefit" to replace sound and projection equipment needed for coming productions. Food, entertainment, previews of coming attractions, Sunday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m.

Return engagement of "The Killer With No Mo-

tive," the Julian production of Eugene Ionesco's play about a beautiful city living in fear of a mysterious, irrational killer, Jan. 14, 15, 16, and 21, 22, 23, at 8:30 p.m.

Grassroot Experience Theatre Company's production of Ed Bullins' play "In New England Winter," Thursday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m., for two weeks, beginning Jan. 28. Bullins is a black playwright from San Francisco who has made a hit in New York with "The Electronic Nigger." He is playwright in residence at the New Lafayette Theatre in Harlem.

Prisoners connect with families

When a man is sentenced to prison, his family is split apart. Several Potrero Hill families whose members are serving terms in California's prison system are being helped through their "trials" by a new San Francisco based organization, Connections.

The main focus of the program is arranging for car pools, so that the families of inmates may make maximum use of their visiting privileges. Getting to prisons, which are located off the beaten track can be difficult and costly, circumstances which once made frequent visits with husbands and fathers impossible.

One Hill mother used to spend about \$40 per visit in order to see her husband at the Sierra Conservation Camp at Susanville. The added wear of the long bus

ride and lonely wait made the visits even more difficult for her and her small son. Now, through Connections, she shares driving expenses with other families in the City and is able to go to Susanville much more often.

A Potrero resident, mother of two, makes regular trips to Soledad with another woman whose husband is incarcerated there. She pointed out that she couldn't go it alone because, though Southern Pacific passes right by the prison, it does not stop.

Both Potrero women complained of lack of facilities for small children. Taking them along to see father is difficult because during the visiting period there is little for the youngsters to do. Day care facilities are badly needed, the women say.

In addition to arrang-



ing transportation, Connections, which has offices at Glide Memorial Building, 330 Ellis Street, seeks to inform the public about the problems of California's prison system.

High on their list of abuses is the use of indeterminate sentences. This system leaves prison terms

open-ended. For instance, for "assault on an officer" a person can receive a six months to fifteen year sentence. Other crimes carry a penalty of five years to life imprisonment. The actual length of time served is determined by the California Adult Authority.

Every year an inmate on indeterminate sentence comes up for a hearing, and is either refused or given a release date. The Authority is accountable to no one, need give no reason for its action, and no appeal is open to inmates who are denied a release date.

The uncertainty resulting from this arbitrary system is the most difficult aspect of prison life, both for inmates and their families. They never know from year to year when release will be granted, families reunited,

and the difficult task of adjustment to life "outside" begun.

Both Potrero Hill families who have been assisted by Connections cite this "psychological torture" as the most difficult burden for both inmates and their wives.

Connections also sends books to prison libraries to supplement their inadequate collections.

Recently the organization has begun a job referral service for former inmates, and over the holidays a party was given for inmates and their families at Soledad Prison.

Families who need transportation to visit prisoners and persons interested in providing transportation or books or in obtaining additional information on California's prison system may call Connections at 673-0298.

Community seeks role in Hill school staffing decisions

(Continued from page 1.) hood participation in school planning.

The consensus of the 50 or so persons present was that the Board of Education be asked to delay the opening and to consider Potrero Hill's specific needs when dealing with

Poverty programs proposed

(Continued from page 1.) fort of poverty program leaders to secure an independent status for Potrero Hill.

Last month the CAC refused to participate in the Central City target area board to which SFEOC transferred Potrero Hill last fall. CAC is currently administering a \$20,000 study of poverty on the Hill. The study will run to February 1.

Other Hill proposals are more specific. They include:

*An emergency child-care center to look after children while parents run necessary errands; cost, \$64,000; proposed by the Citizens Improvement Association.

*A day care center with a capacity for 30 children, located at the Neighborhood House; cost, \$104,000; proposed by the Neighborhood House.

*A drug education program for school-age youth, parents, teachers and community groups; cost, \$67,000; proposed by the Potrero Hill Youth Council.

*A consumer affairs program to involve poor people in consumer education and action; cost, \$56,000; proposed by the CAC.

All of these program proposals were submitted through the CAC. An additional proposal, made by Ronald Hatter, president of the New Thang Corporation, concerns housing. No details are known of this program.

plans for the school. A letter to that effect was delivered to the Board over the signature of Ms. Enola Maxwell, organizer of the Hill meeting.

During the meeting it was pointed out that neither parents nor teachers and administrators of the proposed feeder schools have been consulted in any way concerning the new school.

Should the opening be delayed, as is now expected, Boisson said he would select a committee of five community representatives to participate in the selection of a principal.

Boisson told THE VIEW he had not yet set up any parent committee, but that its members would probably be chosen from "parent groups at the main feeder schools, from representative community groups, or some combination of the two."

Kauer said he did not expect the proposed feeder patterns to be changed even though Treasure Island parents have indicated they do not want their youngsters bused to Potrero Hill.

He admitted that the input from Treasure Island would be necessary to achieve racial balance if the Potrero Junior High retains present boundaries.

School chief to talk here

"Tomorrow's Education Must be Different" is the topic San Francisco's new School Superintendent Thomas A. Shaheen will discuss Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Patrick Henry School Auditorium, 693 Vermont.

Although Patrick Henry is the site for Dr. Shaheen's talk, officials urge parents and interested community members from all six Potrero Hill/Mission area schools to attend.

Other involved schools include Bryant, Buena Vista, Daniel Webster, I. M. Scott and Starr King.

Potrero switchboard

'Dolly' wants callers

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cold turkey," she reports, "and I don't recommend that as a way to start."

From her experience at the Mission Switchboard, where she learned both what to do and what not to do, Dolly is committed to careful preparation of volunteers and to running the service on a business-

Bay land zoning confused

How much control does the city have over Port Commission plans for commercial development of the southern waterfront?

No one seems to know for sure. Consequently, the Potrero Hill Residents and Homeowners Council plans to ask the City Attorney for a clarification of Bay front zoning laws.

According to Elaine Sundahl, a member of the Council's waterfront committee, the Port Commission has been operating as if it were still under State jurisdiction and not subject to the provisions of city planning codes.

"The first 100 feet of shoreline are protected by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission," she explained, "but the remainder of the waterfront appears to be in a no man's land."

The Council believes that Planning Department jurisdiction would help guarantee public access and recreational use of important shoreline areas.

The Residents' plan for waterfront development has been submitted to the Planning Department for staff review at the request of Supervisor Ronald Pelosi.

Planners have been asked to study the local proposal and report back to the full Board of Supervisors as soon as possible.

Ms. Sundahl told THE VIEW that the Potrero waterfront plan is getting good support from influential quarters. "I'm actually optimistic," she said.

like basis.

"A switchboard is not a crash-pad or a hang-out," she insists. Neither, she states, is it a professional counseling service. It is, rather, a constant and reliable source of information on where help can be found.

Although not widely publicized, the Potrero Hill Switchboard has, in fact, been in operation since early fall. Dolly's personal telephone number has been publicized over KYA (Tom Campbell is a strong believer in switchboards and has done much to support them), KFRC and other media.

She and Jim have been manning the telephone on a 24 hour schedule since that time and have answered many calls for help from the Hill and other parts of the city.

In October Dolly and Jim came to the Neighborhood House seeking space and support for their idea. The Program Committee of the House approved it and space has been made available.

Earl Cruser, executive director of the Neighborhood House, told THE VIEW when asked about the new service: "There are many agencies and ser-

vices in San Francisco, but the average citizen is not aware of them and doesn't even know where to begin seeking them out. The Switchboard will fill a serious gap and provide the opportunity for residents to help one another in finding the help they need. The Neighborhood House is happy to work with Dolly and Jim and other residents in providing this new and much needed service."

Dolly has had two and one-half years training in nursing and has children aged 14, 15 and 16. She is aware of the many temptations and new experiences facing youth today.

"A frequent caller is the youth high on drugs who doesn't know what to do, is frightened and who is afraid of going to General Hospital or any establishment agency. Our function becomes to 'talk them down' and refer them to a reliable source of help."

Other frequent requests concern housing, employment, medical care (especially venereal disease), rentals and run-aways.

Anyone with time or office supplies to contribute to this effort may call the Potrero Hill Switchboard at 826-0555.

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